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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A REGIONAL PROJECT OF EUROPE

IPF:(1992-96) $4 200 000
(RER/92/G31) - Environmental Management and Protection of the Black Sea

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	9 December 1992
Expected duration:	Four years
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Black Sea Convention Secretariat
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$9 300 000 Source of funds: GEF
Total UNDP budget:	$9 300 000

Project background

The Black Sea has been a major environmental resource for Eastern Europe and Turkey. Its drainage basin is five times larger than the sea itself and has influenced the activities of more than 165 million people from 16 countries. The six coastal countries (Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine) are sharing one of the most degraded regional seas on our planet. Its vulnerability stems from the magnitude of land-based sources of pollution, provided to a large extent by the Danube River Basin. In addition, there is marine-based pollution arising from shipping and off-shore oil exploitation. The consequences for the marine ecology have been disastrous: out of 26 commercially fisher species available in the early sixties, only five remain in appreciable quantities; microbial pollution from untreated sewage has reduced coastal tourism; and caused an increased incidence of diseases, forcing temporary closure of beaches in Bulgaria, Romania, Russia and Ukraine.

In April 1992 the Bucharest Convention was signed, signalling the beginning of international cooperation in Environmental Management and Protection. While the countries of the region possess large numbers of scientists and institutions, most do not have adequate equipment, personnel trained in up-to-date techniques or sufficient funds while inter-institutional coordination at the country and regional level is often deficient. To address these deficiencies UNDP assistance was requested under the present approval.

Description of project

The long-term objective of the project is to rehabilitate and introduce sustainable development of marine and coastal resources in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

International Cooperation through the programme will provide a coherent approach involving cooperation between all sectors concerned. The establishment of common legal tools provided by the Bucharest Convention and its protocols, as well as future conventions

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covering fisheries, will provide a framework for rehabilitation of the natural resources of the Black Sea, and for securing the necessary investments for assuring sustainable development

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen and create regional capacities for managing the Black Sea ecosystem through human resources development in the area of environmental monitoring and management at all levels (Government, Research, Private Sector and NGOs); (b) develop appropriate policy and legislative frameworks for the assessment, control and prevention of pollution; and (c) establish priority investment plans that will have a major environmental impact and contribute to the restoration of the ecosystem.

Inputs

UNDP will provide the services of a programme coordinator, a water specialist and an environmental economist for a total duration of 36 man-months each; and short-term consultants; subcontracts for pre-investment studies; training programmes; and equipment for monitoring pollution.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 500 000
Subcontract	3 000 000
Training	3 000 000
Equipment	1 000 000
Miscellaneous	800 000
Total	9 300 000

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